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The Oklahoma Board of Nursing will launch the new online Nurse Portal (Portal) on October 13, 2020. Through the Portal, applications, renewals, name and address changes, as well as complaints against a licensee are submitted in an electronic format.

Nurse Portal features include the following:

Nurse Portal Account: Specific to each nurse and applicant, information is displayed including real-time updates on the status of the individual's submitted application.

License/Certificant Applications: In addition to submitting all applications online, documents that are needed in order to consider an application complete will be required to be uploaded at the point of application submission resulting in a more efficient licensing process.

License/Certificate Renewal: The renewal process will be changing in format primarily, but the process of online submission remains similar. ***Note:** Renewal applications will be available to individual licensees ONLY within the 90-day period preceding the license expiration date.

License Verification: The public will continue to have access to primary source verification information for Oklahoma licensees / AUA certificant.

Submitting a Complaint on a licensee or certificant: There will now be a portal specific to submission of a complaint.

Name/Address Changes: These licensing tasks will be submitted via your Nurse Portal account.

Message Center: A new feature in the Nurse Portal account of the applicant/licensee allowing communication with Board staff.

NOTICE

Effective October 2, 2020, the current online licensure applications and renewals will not be accessible. During the downtime, data will be transferred from the previous licensing system to the new system. Due to the time required to transfer large amounts of data and to conduct necessary testing, the new system will be up and running Tuesday, October 13.

Paper licensure applications will not be accepted after September 28, 2020. Paper applications received before this cutoff date will be processed by October 2, 2020.

The last day for renewing Oklahoma licensure on the current online renewal system is Thursday, October 1, 2020, and the renewal must be complete at the time of submission OR a new renewal will need to be submitted via the Portal when it goes live.

Beginning Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the new online Portal will be accessible for licensure renewal, application submission and license verification.

Welcome New Board Member Kyle Leemaster

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing proudly welcomes new Board member, Kyle Leemaster, BSN, RN, CPN, MBA. Governor Stitt recently appointed Leemaster for a five-year term.

Kyle graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and later graduated from Price College at the University of Oklahoma with a Master of Business Administration, Certificate in Entrepreneurship. He has completed the Oklahoma Hospital Association Leadership Development Series (2018) and is currently participating in the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Leadership Class (2021).

Kyle holds certification as a Certified Pediatric Nurse, with greater than twelve years of his nursing career centered on care of the pediatric patient. From 2011 to 2014, he served in the role of Clinical Analyst of Information Technology and Support at OU Medical Systems, serving as Senior Clinical Analyst in his final year. Since 2016, Kyle has served as the Director of Nursing for The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital in Oklahoma City. He is a member of the Oklahoma Nurses Association, as well as the American Nurses Association.

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